

The Herald and News

SIAM'S PECULIAR FLAG.

The Reverence Paid to the White Elephant.

[New York Tribune.]

The flag is a curious one—a white elephant on a red field—and odd it must be when it is necessary to hoist it upside down as a signal of distress, but a most effective signal, as anything more helpless or distressing than this clumsy quadruped can hardly be imagined.

Before Xacca, the founder of the nation, was born, his mother dreamed that she brought forth a white elephant, and the Brahmins affirm that Xacca, after a metamorphosis of eighty thousand changes, concluded as varied experiences as this white elephant, and thence was received into the company of the celestial deities. Hence the veneration of the Siamese for the "Chang Phoonk" or the sacred white elephant. When such dignitary makes his appearance in the forest there is great rejoicing and no effort is spared to capture him. The king is considered most fortunate who possesses one or more of these sacred animals. The present king possesses seven, hence the present prosperous condition of the country.

YELLOW, NOT WHITE.

The so-called white elephant—for the color is really a bathbrick or Neapolitan yellow—is usually found in the northern province, and the governor of the province sees that he is comfortably escorted, by the cutting of a wide path through the jungles to the river. There a great floating palace of wood, ornamented with a gorgeous roof and hung with crimson curtains, awaits him. The roof is literally thatched with flowers and the floor covered with gilt matting.

The king, with his entire court, in their elegant barges, multitudes of priests, both Buddhist and Brahmin, with banners flying and with music, go up the river, a two days' journey to meet him. When he arrives in the city he is welcomed with imposing ceremony by the members of the royal family.

A festival of a week is proclaimed and a thanksgiving is offered up. The lordly beast is knighted by pouring water on his forehead from a conch shell and a title and name are given him after which he is conducted with great pomp and ceremony to his own sumptuous apartment, within the precincts of the king's palace, where his own court officers and slaves await to robe and decorate him. First, he is placed on a handsomely built pedestal about a foot from the floor and is fastened by one hind and one fore foot to gilded posts with ropes covered with crimson velvet. The court jeweler rings his tremendous tusk with massive gold, crowns him with a diadem of beaten gold and places heavy gold chains around his neck. He is then robed in a superb purple cloak of velvet, fringed with scarlet and gold. When he bathes an officer of high rank shelters his noble head with a great umbrella of crimson and gold, while others wave golden fans before him. His food consists of the finest herbs, the tenderest grasses, the sweetest sugar cane and the mellowest bananas and other dainties, which are handed to him on gold and silver salvers by his attendants on their knees. His drink is perfumed with fragrant flowers. When ill he is attended by the most skilled of the court physicians and the chief priests pray daily for his recovery. If he dies there is universal mourning, the king trembles on his throne and the highest funeral honors are paid to his corpse.

HONORS TO ELEPHANT.

One day a strange procession passed down the river in Bangkok. There were eight large barges, six of them curtained with crimson and gold cloth, each manned by thirty boatmen dressed in red trousers, jackets and caps. They carried a brass band, which played mournful music, and the first impression was that some eminent person was being borne to rest, but it was only the honors for the body of a light colored elephant.

The third boat had no gay curtains, but had the five-story umbrellas, designating high rank. Between these two boats, on a bier

covered with a canopy of white, the corpse was fastened, and thus floated down to the Gulf of Siam. Only his brains and heart are cremated. The hairs of the tail are preserved as sacred relics. Such hair is looked upon as the most precious present by which the king can show his esteem for any one. They are set in handles of gold and precious stones, and one was sent by the late king to Queen Victoria of England.

THE STORY OF A SWORD.

A Confederate Soldier Gets His Weapon Back After Many Years.

[Pickens Journal.]

Tuesday of this week Dr. J. D. Cureton was made happy by the return of what to him was a long lost friend—an old sword that he wore during the war. It has a unique history, and if it could it would relate history more vividly than we can hope to portray.

This interesting old relic has played its active part in two wars—the Mexican and the civil. It is longed to Col. Dunsavont, who carried it through the Mexican war. It then came into possession of W. B. Crate, of Winnsboro, who then gave it to Dr. Cureton when he became Lieutenant. Shortly after this Dr. C. was promoted Captain of Co. G, Sixth S. C. Infantry.

During the terrible battle of Second Manassas the scabbard was out in twain by a shell. Dr. Cureton stopped to pick up the piece of shattered scabbard and fell a little behind his company. The unionists were slowly retreating, and one shrewd Yankee concluded to secrete himself in a ditch and wait till the Confederates passed, and then kill the commanding officer of the regiment, who was Col. Steadman. Just as he raised his gun to fire Dr. Cureton turned and almost severed his head from the body with this same sword.

The scabbard was pierced by a minnie ball in the battle of Seven Pines and glanced by another, and the owner still lives to tell the story.

Shortly after this Dr. Cureton was taken seriously ill with pneumonia, and was languishing at the home of Joseph Hager in Maryland in charge of J. Michael Brice, one of his lieutenants. While thus critically ill, the Yankees came upon Dr. Cureton and seeing his critical condition, left him unmolested. Before their approach however, Mrs. Hager raised one of the planks in the floor and deposited under the house the interesting relic of our story to prevent the Yankees from falling into possession of it.

When they came up they entered the room into which Dr. Cureton lay, and saw that it would be a good place for some of their wounded number. Dr. was unconscious of what was going on about him, and when he awoke he found four or five wounded Yankees as room mates.

After the close of the war Dr. Cureton tried in vain to recover the lost sword. He was unable ever to get in communication with Mr. Hager. The reason is clear now, for Mr. Hager moved to Little Rock, Ark., just after the close of the war, carrying the old sword with him, as well as one that belonged to Dr. Brice.

When the Dallas Reunion was held, Mr. Hager concluded to attend. While there he met Mr. E. B. Mobley, of Fairfield, and asked him if he knew Dr. Brice and Capt. Cureton, of Fairfield, as he had two swords belonging to these gentlemen which he would be glad to restore to them. When Mr. Mobley returned he let the discovery be known, and the nieces of Mr. Brice, who are at Winthrop College, began to communicate with Mr. Hager, with the result that the swords were returned to South Carolina, and were conspicuous at a D. A. R. entertainment given at Winthrop not a great while ago. Seeing a brief account of the entertainment in one of the papers, which contained a description of Dr. Cureton's sword, enabled him to communicate with the authorities at Winthrop College and recover his long lost relic, which is now a treasure because of its history.

Little Margie (traveling with her mother in a sleeping car)—I guess it ain't any use to say my prayers tonight, mamma.

Mamma—Why not, darling?

Little Margie—Because, with all this noise, God couldn't hear a word I said.

G. WALT WHITMAN IS DEAD.

Well Known in South Carolina Politics. Stricken With Apoplexy at His Home in Union.

After an illness of only three days, G. Walt Whitman died at his home in Union on Monday night. Only a few persons knew of his sickness, and his death was almost totally unexpected. The cause of his death was apoplexy.

Mr. Whitman was a well known figure in South Carolina politics, having several times been an aspirant for gubernatorial honors, and having often signified his intention of continuing each two years to make the race until the people of South Carolina should see his peculiar fitness for the position and put him in the office which he sought.

He was appointed to fill out the unexpired term of a member of the legislature from his county some years ago. This was the only office he ever held.

Before his entry into the political arena he was a minister of the gospel and a man of some little means. These were squandered by him in politics. For the past few years he had been conducting a small store in Union.

BOLD BANK ROBBERY.

The Iowa State Bank Robbed in the Day Time.

Des Moines, Ia., Oct. 28.—The boldest bank robbery of recent years in Iowa occurred at Prairie City early today. The robbers dynamited the safe of the Iowa State bank and secured an amount approximating \$4,000. They exchanged a fusillade of

shots with the local officers and escaped.

Night Watchman Erskine discovered four men approaching the bank at 1 o'clock. One of the men cornered him and kept him covered with a rifle for three hours while another broke open the bank door and worked on the safe. The other two men patrolled the street and by a system of signals were able to hold at bay the citizens who were attracted to the scene. Five dynamite shots were fired by the men in the bank before he succeeded in getting to the cash box.

The sum secured was mostly silver. At 4 o'clock the four men left the bank and disappeared.

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Master's Sales.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA. COUNTY OF NEWBERRY—IN COMMON PLEAS.

Andrew J. S. Langford, in his own right and as Executor, of William Langford, deceased, Plaintiff,

against,

Malinda Higgins, et al., Defendants.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT HERE-

in, I will sell at public outcry, before the Court House, at Newberry,

within the legal hours of sale, on the first Monday in November, 1902, all the

real estate in the town of Newberry

sub-divided into lots as will appear by

plat which is now on file in the Master's

office, and which plat will be exhibited

on day of sale, the same being Lots

Nos. 3, 5, 17, 18, 25, 24, 40, 41,

43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 49. Also all the real

estate known as the "Crawford Land"

situated in the town of Newberry, sub-

divided into lots as will appear by

plat now on file in the Master's office

and will be exhibited on day of sale, the

same being Lots Nos. 4, 7, 12, 13, 14.

Terms of sale—The town lots in New-

berry will be sold for one-half cash,

balance in one year, with interest from

day of sale, to be secured by bond of

the purchaser and a mortgage of the

premises sold. Purchasers to pay for

papers.

H. H. RIKARD, Master.

Master's Office, Oct. 7th, 1902.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY—IN

COMMON PLEAS.

Mattie A. Cook, in her own right and

as Administratrix of George A. Cook,

deceased, Plaintiff,

against,

Keron H. Cook, John L. Cook, Nancy

E. Cook, Ella Epting and Emma Gar-

rett, Defendants.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT HERE-

in, I will sell at public outcry before

the Court House, at Newberry,

within the legal hours of sale, on sale-

day in November, 1902, all that tract

of land lying and being in the county

and State aforesaid and containing

Sixty-five Acres, more or less, bounded

south by lands of Pierce Wickett, north

by lands of A. M. Dominick and west

by public road from Newberry to West-

Prosperity.

Terms of sale—One-third of the pur-

chase money to be paid in cash, the

balance twelve months from day of

sale, with interest from day of sale,

the credit portion to be secured by bond

of the purchaser and a mortgage of the

premises sold. Purchaser to pay for

papers.

H. H. RIKARD, Master.

Master's Office, Oct. 1902.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA—

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY—IN

COMMON PLEAS.

John C. Goggans, as Clerk of Court for

Newberry County, Administrator de

bonis non of Jerusha A. Henson, de-

ceased, Plaintiff,

against,

Hartwell H. Henson, et al., Defendants.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT HERE-

in, I will sell to the highest bidder

before the Court House, at Newberry,

S. C., within the legal hours of sale on

saturday, the first Monday in Novem-

ber, 1902, all that tract or plantation of

land, lying and being situate in New-

berry County, State aforesaid, contain-

ing six hundred and eighty and 7-10

(680 7-10) acres, more or less, belong-

ing to the estate of Jerusha A. Hen-

son, deceased, and bounded by lands of

the estate of James J. Reeder, deceased,

C. N. & L. Railroad, Ninety-Six road,

lands of J. A. Dominick, W. L. Gary,

J. C. Gary, I. M. Smith and the public

road leading to Newberry Court House.

Said land lies in and near the Town of

Kinard's, and will be sold in five tracts,

plats of which are now on file for in-

spection in the office of the Clerk of

Court.

Terms of sale—One-third of the pur-

chase money to be paid in cash, the

balance on a credit of one and two

years from day of sale with interest,

credit portions to be secured by bond

of the purchaser with mortgage of the

premises sold, with leave to the pur-

chaser to anticipate his payments in

whole or in part. Purchaser to pay for

stamps and papers.

H. H. RIKARD, Master.

Master's Office, Oct. 10, 1902.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.

COUNTY OF NEWBERRY—IN

COMMON PLEAS.

Emmett Cabaniss, Plaintiff,

against,

The Newberry Handle and Shuttle Com-